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1. [redacted] Called Charles Ward, Administrative Assistant in the office of Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, concerning the Speaker's 16 November 1974 letter to Mr. Cary regarding [redacted] an applicant, and explained that while [redacted] had not returned the application forms sent to him, we would be glad to interview him if he is still interested, during his visit to Washington this week. Ward was thankful for this information and said he would let us know if [redacted] would like to talk to our personnel people.

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2. [redacted] In the company of [redacted] met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, and Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and explained our understanding of the strategy to sustain the President's veto on H. R. 12471 (Freedom of Information Act) and provided them an Aide-Memoire for their use in contacting members. Braswell said not to rely upon them but to contact the members directly.

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3. [redacted] Attended a meeting in the office of Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.) Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, called by Tom Korologos, Deputy Legislative Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, to discuss strategy in connection with sustaining the President's veto of H. R. 12471 (Freedom of Information Act). Also in attendance were: Pat O'Donnell, White House; Jack Maury, DOD, and Sam Goldberg, State Department. Using the basis of votes against the Muskie amendment (court review section) and the Hart amendment (FBI investigative files), a listing was made of selected senators to be contacted and it was agreed that we would contact Senators Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) and Milton Young (R., N. Dak.).

Subsequent to the session, I learned from Doug Marvin, Senator Roman L. Hruska's (R., Neb.) legislative aide on this matter, that the strategy would be to vote on the President's counter proposal immediately after the veto is sustained, if it is. The new bill will be introduced by Senator Hugh Scott with bipartisan co-sponsors, by the end of the day. On the basis of the head count on paper, it looks like there is a good prospect for sustaining the veto but also some slippage after Thursday, is foreseen. The above information from Marvin was relayed to O'Donnell, who was unaware of it, as an important item for inclusion in briefings of senators since a vote to sustain the veto would be immediately followed by a vote to improve the Freedom of Information Act, and he agreed.

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